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MADISONVILLE MEN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING METHAMPHETAMINE

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Paducah **returned an Indictment** charging **JASON SCOTT BARNES**, age 28, and **JONATHAN D. WILSON**, age 29, both of 512 Conner Court #1, Madisonville, Kentucky, with conspiracy and aiding and abetting each other to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

The Indictment charges that from on or about and between August 24, 2006, and August 25, 2006, **Barnes** and **Wilson** conspired with each other to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams of methamphetamine with a street value of \$5000.00 in Hopkins County, Kentucky.

The Indictment further charges that on August 25, 2006, **Barnes** and **Wilson** aided and abetted each other in the possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine in Hopkins County, Kentucky.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not less than 5 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Madisonville Police Department.

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Barnes and **Wilson** are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 13, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in Paducah, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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